

TUTBURY WAR MEMORIALS COMMITTEE

Distribution of finalised Minutes

to: Committee members
cc: Parish Council (Chairman, Clerk)
Parochial Church Council (Incumbent)
Civic Society (Chair)
cfi: Bishop of Stafford

MEETING Held on 15th March 2013 at 26 Hillcrest, Tutbury at 10am

Present: Mr Rick Nuth (Chairman) Mr Bernard Barton Mr Brian Wright
Mrs Jane Nuth (Secretary) Mrs Pol Wood Mr Bob Wood

1. New Committee members

Mr Nuth welcomed to the Committee Mr Brian Wright of Tutbury, who is Vice Chairman of the British Legion at Rolleston that covers Tutbury.

2. Apologies: Mrs Lesley Evans, Mrs Sue Norris
Mr Phil Norris (Vice Chairman of the Parochial Church Council)

3. Previous Minutes

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of 10th January 2013 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. Parish Council's response to TWMCC Committee's letter

A reply had been received to the TWMCC letter of 17th January 2013 acknowledging the establishment of the TWMCC Committee.

5. Draft Constitution

A Draft Constitution had been emailed to the Committee members. A solicitor had viewed the Draft and suggested that a description of the election of the Chairman and the Secretary be added.

The Committee discussed this Draft and made further suggestions. A revised version will be emailed with the Minutes and will be adopted when ratified/signed at the next Meeting.

Action: JAN

6. Proposed Patron(s) of the TWMCC

As there had been a very positive response from the Bishop of Stafford, firstly to the Tutbury Book of Remembrance and also his offer of re-dedicating the War Memorial, it was agreed to

ask Bishop Geoff if he would consider becoming our Patron. Given the fluid nature of the ministry in Tutbury at present, this would give continuity.

The possibility of a second Patron was also considered, but no decision reached.

Action: RN

7. Funding/Bank Account/Treasurer

In her absence, it was reported by the Chairman that Sue Norris had agreed to be Treasurer. This was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr Barton "that Mrs Norris be appointed Treasurer, with a view to opening an account at Lloyd's TSB Bank in Tutbury".

The Secretary reported that £40 had been donated (an article in "Woman's Weekly", etc).

Action: SN

The signatures on cheques would be any 2 of Mr Nuth, Mr Wood and Mrs Norris.

8. Next Steps

The War Memorial at St Mary's Priory Church

The Chairman showed photographic evidence of the present condition of the War Memorial in St Mary's Priory Church. As circulated, the 2009 Anthony Sharp report commented that the War memorial was "safe" (the view held by the Parish Council).

It was agreed that the next step was to view the 3 lists of specific Conservators and the list provided by the Diocese (who have been very helpful). A meeting at the War Memorial could then be arranged. The cost of the proposed assessment was discussed and how this might be funded. Mr Wright commented that at Rolleston only one of 6 firms invited came to view their War Memorial.

As the recent Priory Suite had been so superbly constructed, it was agreed to request the contact details of the makers.

As a Faculty was required, representative(s) from the Parochial Church Council have been invited and it is hoped that a PCC member (or more) may be at the next TWMCC Meeting.

In due course, applications could be made to this and to the National Lottery, etc for grants. Assistance with applications would be welcome.

Action: RW

Mrs Wood undertook to see if Staffordshire Museum Service were able to offer any advice.

Action: PW

Tutbury Flower Club had appointed Tutbury War Memorials as their chosen charity for this year.

At a recent Tutbury In Bloom Meeting, the condition of the flower beds around the Church War Memorial was discussed, as the Church would be on the judges' circuit in July.

Other Memorials

The Committee were to consider other War Memorials in Tutbury that had been discovered/mentioned during the Nuths' research (such as the Druids, the Congregational Church – Robert Minchin was to have another look, as he had listed the names some 10 years ago).

The Chairman also told the Committee of the artefacts relating to War Memorials in St Mary's Priory Church and their condition - Roll of Honour of World War I, the framed map of the Churchyard in the late 19th century and the only architect's drawing of the War Memorial. (The Roll of Honour of WWII was being transcribed by Mrs Nuth as it was handwritten in a leather bound book).

The Chairman reported that he is still trying to find a better photograph of the Trophy Gun.

Action: RN

It was queried if the Newton Trust was still in existence.

Action: PW

9. Any Other Business

During the meeting, there had been discussion about advertising – such as in the Tutbury Village News, the Parish Magazine, Burton Mail, etc. Brian Wright suggested "The Rollestonian" – to spread our news in a different direction.

Action: BobW

Perhaps a stand could be taken at the Tutbury Arts Music Festival – 21st July 2013 at Tutbury Castle. The contact would be Jo Woodberry.

Action: BobW

It was felt that if there was local involvement with the "1940s Weekend" then it may be a plan to "advertise our wares".

The Chairman mentioned that Vistaprint had made magnetic car stickers and was hoping to repeat this idea for TWMCC (Zazzle was another company he had used for bumper stickers). Mr Wood suggested a local firm in Hawkins Lane) called Autographs & Signatures – Ian Watson lives in Tutbury.

Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the date of the next Meeting would be:

Tuesday 23rd April 2013 at 10am at 26 Hillcrest, Tutbury.

There being no other comments, the Meeting was closed at midday.